MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that the road—

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to a point of order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Raman Menon, you are supplying information and not questioning for eliciting information.

Metalling the road from Valiaperumpuzha to Mannar.

237. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that great loss and trouble are caused to the public because a portion of the principal road from Kayankulam, *viz.*, the portion from Valiaperumpuzha to Mannar, is still ungravelled and is unfit for cart traffic?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to have this portion of the road gravelled and rendered fit for cart traffic as early as convenient?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government are not aware.

(*b*) There is not much traffic and so the gravelling of this road is not an urgent necessity.

Metalling of the Kayankulam-Adur Road.

238. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that portions of the Kayankulam-Adur road, for about 2 miles beyond Kayankulam, are very dangerous for wheeled traffic at present?

(*b*) In consideration of the fact that the road is the chief road leading eastwards from the shores of the lakes in Central Travancore, and is being constantly used for heavy wheeled traffic in the transport of agricultural produce, manure, etc., will the Government be pleased to have the road metalled and maintained in a satisfactory condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The portion of the road is understood to be unsatisfactory.

(*b*) An estimate has already been sanctioned for remetalling the 1st four miles of the road, and work in the first and ¾ of the 2nd mile has been completed. Metal collection for remetalling the remaining portion is proceeding and the actual work of metalling will be done soon after the monsoon sets in.

Abolition of P. W. D. Sub-Divisions and redistribution of jurisdiction of Section Officers.

239. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Cannot the Sub-division offices in the Public Works Department be abolished in the interests of economy and more undivided responsibility for proper work?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether a redistribution of the jurisdiction of Section Officers is not desirable in the interests of economy and a proper distribution of work?

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